

June 3, 2021

Subject: Support Letter for HB 4833 and 4834

Dear Chair Calley and Members of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee,

My name is Jeff Krueger and I am the Great Lakes District Manager for Sunbelt Rental. I am a 3rd generation equipment rental family in Michigan. Sunbelt currently has 15 locations in Michigan and employs more than 250 people in the state. Our facilities are currently located throughout lower Michigan.

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Sterling Heights Ypsilanti Kalamazoo Taylor
Grand Rapids Redford Shelby Oak Park

I am emailing you today to <u>urge your support</u> in passing HB 4833 and 4834, which will be heard in your Committee on June 9, 2021.

We are a member of the <u>Michigan Heavy Equipment Rental Tax Coalition</u> and the <u>American Rental Association</u>, which represent large and small equipment rental businesses throughout the state. We purchase and then rent construction and other heavy equipment to contractors, construction companies, businesses, and individuals.

This legislation follows what other states have done, including Indiana, by exempting rental equipment from property tax and replacing it with a new tax to ensure revenue neutrality. Last year Sunbelt locations enjoyed more than 70,000 individual transactions. This change in Michigan tax law will result in addition capital expenditure and hiring in the future.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jeff Krueger, Great Lakes District Manager (269-998-3990)

Sunbelt Rentals